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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claim Rejection - 35 USC §103(a)

1. The Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Mannava et al. 5,591,009, in view of Neal et al. 4,426,867 and Mallozzi et al. 3,850,698, has been carefully considered by the Applicants and the Applicants respectfully disagree. The Applicants respectfully submit that the Mannava et al. '009 patent is not available to the Examiner as a "103" reference because the Mannava et al. '009 patent was filed (January 17, 1995) after an Invention Disclosure entitled "Enhanced Compressor Blade for Aircraft Engines" signed by the Applicants was disclosed to the Applicants' employer and based upon which the Parent Application, Serial No: 08/399,285, of the present Patent Application was filed (March 6, 1995). A new "DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131(b)" signed by the Applicants was